

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-4, 6, 10, 19, 21, and 22 were pending.

No claims are canceled.

5 No claims are added.

No claims are amended.

Accordingly, claims 1-4, 6, 10, 19, 21, and 22 are pending.

1. (Previously presented) A method, comprising:

10 deriving a digital signature and associating the digital signature with a web page only if the web page includes code to invoke a control object; and delivering the web page to an electronic device capable of authenticating the digital signature such that the electronic device can execute at least a portion of the web page after the digital signature is authenticated.

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2. (Original) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the associating further comprises attaching the digital signature to the web page.

3. (Previously presented) The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising:

in an event that the web page does not include code to invoke the control object, delivering the web page without a digital signature.

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4. (Original) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the web page includes a confirmation module that is used by the electronic device to authenticate the digital signature.

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5. (Cancelled)

6. (Original) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the web page is generated in an active server page (ASP) environment.

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7 - 9. (Cancelled)

10. (Previously presented) The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising designating one or more sources of a web page authorized to invoke the control object.

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11. – 18. (Cancelled)

19. (Previously presented) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the control object includes a confirmation module configured to authenticate the digital signature.

5           20. (Cancelled)

10          21. (Previously presented) The method as recited in claim 19, wherein the confirmation module is further configured to determine if the web page comes from a source that is authorized to invoke the control object and the control object is invoked only if the source of the web page is authorized to invoke the control object.

15          22. (Previously presented) The method as recited in claim 19, wherein the confirmation module is called by the web page prior to the web page invoking the control object.

23. – 35. (Cancelled)

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